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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 1677 ACTION SECSTATE DAMASCUS
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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1677

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SYRIA AGREES TO RENEW UNDOF FOR SIX MONTHS

1. SYRIAN PERM REP KELANI CALLED AMB SCALI 12:30 LOCAL MAY 21 TO INFORM HIM THAT SYRIA WILL AGREE TO EXTEND UNDOF MANDATE FOR SIX MONTHS, I.E. UNTIL NOV 31, 1975. KELANI SAID HE HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION IDENTICAL TO SC RESOLUTION 363 (1974), RENEWING UNDOF MANDATE FOR FIRST TIME.
2. KELANI ASKED AMB SCALI IF HE KNEW WHETHER ISRAELI PERM REP TEKOAH INTENDED TO TAKE FLOOR DURING SC DEBATE ON MANDATE RENEWAL. HE SAID HE WOULD HIMSELF MUCH PREFER NOT TO SPEAK, BUT WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND IF TEKOAH PARTICIPATED IN DEBATE.
3. AFTER EXPRESSING PLEASURE AT SYRIAN DECISION, SCALI SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE WHETHER TEKOAH INTENDED TO SPEAK, BUT WOULD FIND OUT AND INFORM HIM OF KELANI'S STRONG PRE-CONFIDENTIAL

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REFERENCE THAT PARTIES NOT TAKE PART IN DEBATE. HE PROMISED

TO INFORM KELANI OF TEKOA'S REACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. 4. KELANO SAID HE HAD EARLIER IN DAY CONTACTED SC PRESIDENT (AMB JACKSON, GUYANA) WITH RESPECT TO TIMING OF SC MEETING. HE SAID HE HAD PROPOSED MORNING OF MAY 27 OR 28 AS CONVENIENT TIMES FOR MEETING AND JACKSON HAD SEEMED TO AGREE. NEITHER HAD JACKSON ANY OBJECTION TO SC PRESIDENT INTRODUCING RESOLUTION WITH SPONSORS, AS HAD BEEN DONE PREVIOUSLY.

5. DURING CONVERSATION, AMB. BENNETT WAS CALLED OUT TO TAKE A CALL FROM SYG, WHO WISHED LET HIM KNOW THAT KELANI HAD INFORMED HIM OF SYRIAN AGREEMENT TO SIX MONTHS RENEWAL.

6. AFTER MEETING KELANI INDICATED TO MISOFF THAT US WAS FIRST SC MEMBER, OTHER THAN PRESIDENT, TO HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF SYRIA'S DECISION. HE SAID HE WAS MEETING WITH USSR PERM REP MALIK AFTERNOON MAY 21, AND WOULD INFORM US IF MALIK PROPOSED CHANGES TO SC RES 363-TYPE RESOLUTION OR HAD OTHER SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS. SCALI UNUTE INGERSOLL

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